

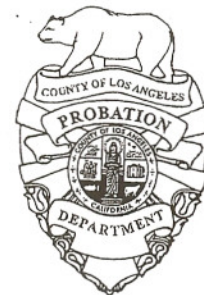


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April 7, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO ENTER INTO TWO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

This is to request that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney to execute and enter into two Professional Services Agreements with the City of Los Angeles for continued participation in the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program, a multi-agency gang intervention project, in accordance with the City's CLEAR Program requirements.

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT YOUR
BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1) with the City of Los Angeles in the amount of \$1,558,730 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$665,805) and the District Attorney's Office (\$892,925), at five CLEAR sites for the period of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2010, funded by the City's 2007 federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

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2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney's Office to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 2) in the amount of \$229,000 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$97,000) and the District Attorney's Office (\$132,000), at one CLEAR site for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, funded by the City's 2007 federal Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant funds.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program, and to sign and execute the terms of the Agreements, including execution of any necessary extensions, modifications, amendments, and augmentations.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with CLEAR Program legislation which requires that this collaborative, multi-agency effort involving the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office be formalized in a Professional Services Agreement as the City's prerequisite to release CLEAR Program funding.

In addition, your Board's approval will provide delegated authority to the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program, and to carry out the terms of the Agreements, including any necessary execution of extensions, modifications, or amendments and augmentations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County. The CLEAR Program is a collaborative effort between multiple jurisdictions that are committed to ridding neighborhoods of street violence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The first Agreement (Attachment 1) will be funded from the City's 2007 JAG allocation which has an expenditure and service period of October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2010. The City of Los Angeles will provide the County a total of \$1,558,730 as follows: \$665,805 to the Probation Department to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for five existing Deputy Probation Officer II positions and \$892,925 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for five Deputy District

Attorney III positions, respectively, for five CLEAR sites: Rampart, Foothill, Newton, Northeast, and Southeast.

The second Agreement (Attachment 2) will be funded from the City's 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant which has an expenditure and service period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The City of Los Angeles will provide the County a total of \$229,000 as follows: \$97,000 to the Probation Department which will continue to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one Deputy Probation Officer II position and \$132,000 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one Deputy District Attorney, respectively, for the 77th Florence/Graham Street CLEAR site.

These revenues are included in each respective Department's FY 08/09 Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 6, 2008 your Board adopted the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations to avoid retroactive agreements and ensure timely payments from the City of Los Angeles for the CLEAR program. Consistent with these recommendations, the City of Los Angeles has fully reimbursed the County for all outstanding previously executed agreements. However, despite working with the City to avoid retroactive agreements, this problem still exists primarily due to delays resulting from the lengthy process to negotiate JAG funding allocations and the City's preparation and approval of the Professional Service Agreements.

In order for Probation and the District Attorney's Office to claim reimbursement from the City of Los Angeles for the CLEAR Program, the attached Professional Services Agreements between the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles must be signed by the County Departments receiving funding. The Mayor of Los Angeles will sign and fully execute the two Agreements when received from the County, and the City will then reimburse the County.

The proposed Agreements have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The recommendations will maintain the existing level of services and will enable the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office to work with the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney's Office to provide a flexible and coordinated response to crime, perpetrated by criminal street gangs, by identifying the gangs associated with each community and addressing each community's gang problem.

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Overall, the continued receipt of the City's reimbursement for CLEAR Program services will mitigate disruption in service delivery.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter of this action to:

Probation Department
Attention: Tasha Howard, Director
Contract Management Division
9150 E. Imperial Hwy Downey, CA 90242

Sincerely,


ROBERT B. TAYLOR
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER


STEVE COOLEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Attachments

c: County Counsel
Chief Executive Office
Probation Department
District Attorney's Office